

advance of the printed report, the Heads of Departments, of the inclusion in the Audit Report of the more important items of irregularity on which final action had not already been taken by the Executive and he is requested to take necessary action in the matter.

9. *Para 17.*—The Comptroller reports that in respect of some of the cases of frauds and misappropriations of public funds about which criminal proceedings have been instituted, departmental action for the recovery or adjustment of the amount lost is being delayed pending the disposal of the criminal cases. Government, agreeing with the views of the Comptroller and the Public Accounts Committee, direct that prompt action should be taken by the departmental authorities to recover the lost amounts and otherwise to safeguard public interests except where the result of the departmental enquiry is inconclusive.

10. *Para 20.*—Government agree with the Committee that there has been unusual delay in the disposal of the inspection report of the Financial Assistant of the Electrical Department referred to in para 266 of the Comptroller's report and direct that it should be expedited.

11. *Para 21.*—The attention of the Director of Public Instruction is invited to the observations of the Committee regarding the need for proper scrutiny of the accounts of High Schools by trained accountants.

12. *Para 22.*—Government agree with the Committee that the claims of the Mysore Government against the Madras and Southern Mahratta Railway Company on account of Joint Station expenses should be immediately preferred with a view to negotiations being carried on for the settlement of the claims preferred on both sides simultaneously and in an equitable manner and direct that prompt action may be taken in the matter.

13. *Para 24.*—The attention of the General Manager, Mysore Iron Works, is invited to the observations of the Committee and his suggestions for giving effect to the Government Order No. FI. 1078-1138—G. F. 46-29-1, dated 14th August 1929 and to the desire of the Committee are awaited.

14. *General.*—In regard to other matters dealt with in the Committee's report or their proceedings, Government direct that necessary action should be taken to remedy the defects, omissions, etc., brought to notice.

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PUBLIC WORKS SECRETARIAT.

Major Building Works of all Departments, to be entrusted to the Public Works Department.

READ—

G. O. No. D. 4256-8—I & C. 164-30-19, dated the 24th February 1932, sanctioning certain extensions to the Soap Factory Buildings at a cost of about Rs. 10,335.

2. G. O. No. D. 881-83—I & C. 54-32, dated the 26th August 1932, directing that the work of extending the Industrial Laboratory Buildings at Malleswaram be executed through the agency of the Industries and Commerce Department.

3. Public Works Secretary's Note No. D. 477, dated the 3rd November 1932, *re* execution of works by other than Public Works Department.

ORDER No. 1124-1164—S, DATED BANGALORE, THE 28TH NOVEMBER 1932.

It has been brought to the notice of Government that during the last few years, cases have occurred where buildings, both of the Industries and Agricultural Depart-

ments have been constructed by the agencies of those Departments instead of by the Public Works Department, as is ordinarily done in the case of every other Department. Though there is an officer of an Assistant Engineer's rank in the Agricultural Department and there are Engineers in the Industries Department also, Government observe that the same efficiency of supervision or economy of work cannot be ensured in the execution of works by their own agency as could be obtained by entrusting the works to the Public Works Department. They therefore direct that all major building works of all Departments should, in future, be entrusted to the Public Works Department. Minor works costing less than Rs. 2,500 may, in the case of Agricultural and Industries Department, be carried out by their own agency.

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